UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



INDICTMENT FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT (ROAD HOME) FUNDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.

v. * SECTION:

JACQUELINE FOREMAN-POTTINGER * VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. §641

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL MATERIAL TIMES HEREIN:

- 1. Hurricane Katrina struck southeastern Louisiana on or about August 29, 2005.
- 2. Hurricane Rita struck Louisiana on or about September 24, 2005.
- 3. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), is an agency of the United States of America.
- 4. Pursuant to an act of the Congress of the United States of America with the concurrence and agreement of the President of the United States, money and funds belonging to the United States

were appropriated to HUD for a Community Development Block Grant (the "Grant") for Louisiana hurricane victims. The purpose of the Grant was to assist and aid homeowners who lived in property damaged or destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in August and September of 2005.

- 5. The Grant money was disbursed under a program known as the Louisiana Road Home Program (the "Road Home"). HUD prepared the rules and regulations governing the disbursement of grant money through the State of Louisiana. The State of Louisiana, through the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, contracted with ICF International, Inc. to administer the Road Home. HUD maintained oversight and investigational authority over all disbursements of Grant money through the Road Home.
- 6. Among the requirements for receiving Grant money from the Road Home was that the damaged property be the primary residence of the applicant on August 29, 2005.
- 7. From a time prior to August 29, 2005 and through the present, the defendant,

 JACQUELINE FOREMAN-POTTINGER's, primary residence was a home located at 247

 Phosphor Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, in the Eastern District of Louisiana.
- 8. From a time prior to August 29, 2005, and through the present, the defendant, JACQUELINE FOREMAN-POTTINGER, also owned a two-unit rental property located at 612-614 Florida Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, in the Eastern District of Louisiana.
- 9. The property at 612 Florida Boulevard was occupied and rented by R.W. at the time Hurricane Katrina made landfall.
- 10. The property at 614 Florida Boulevard was occupied and rented by J.D. at the time Hurricane Katrina made landfall.

B. THE OFFENSE

From on or about September 5, 2006 to on or about April 20, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, JACQUELINE FOREMAN-POTTINGER, willfully and knowingly did steal money and funds belonging to the United States, in that she falsely stated in an application for funds and money belonging to the United States, administered by the Road Home, that her primary residence on August 29, 2005, the day Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Southeastern Louisiana, was 612 Florida Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, when in truth and fact, the defendant, JACQUELINE FOREMAN-POTTINGER, well knew that her primary residence was not 612 Florida Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, on the day Hurricane Katrina struck Southeastern Louisiana, said money having a value of \$148,078.80; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

A TRUE BILL:	
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CONTRACTOR TOTAL

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